

REMARKS

I. Introduction

The Examiner's withdrawal of the objection to claim 11 and the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully acknowledged. Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 are currently pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 to 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Final Office Action alleges that claim 11 as previously amended contains new matter. Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the spunbonded nonwoven exhibits no more than 5% shrinkage during carpet manufacture using the spunbonded nonwoven. Support for this amendment can be found in the Specification, for example, at page 4, line 16, and page 2, lines 19 to 21 and lines 26 to 27, and page 3, lines 3 to 6. The Office Action points to page 4, line 16 in seeming recognition of the support in the Specification for the present amendment. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 11, as amended, fully satisfies 35 U.S.C. § 112. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

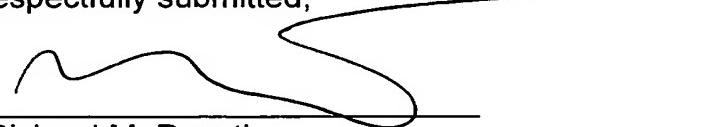
III. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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